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Montgomery picked to participate in Generation Change

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The national social justice nonprofit Center for Community Change, has selected Winston-Salem's Derwin Montgomery for its Generation Change program.

Only 25 exceptional young leaders will participate in Generation Change, a national program which kicks off with a three-day training in Nashville, Tenn. Following the Nashville training, the 2007 class members will be placed in some of the nation's top grassroots community-based organizations across the country such as CHANGE in Winston-Salem, a grassroots organizing group working on education, housing, good government, health care, and employment issues.

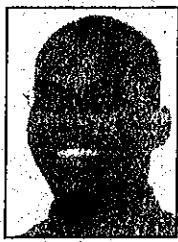
Montgomery is slated to work with CHANGE this summer.

"I believe in the power of hope, hope that leads to positive thoughts and actions," says Montgomery. "And to be a success, you must give back to those who gave to you and to your community. I couldn't be more excited about working with CHANGE this summer, because it will give me the chance to give back to my Winston-Salem community."

Derwin is the vice president of FOCUS Ministries, president of his college's NAACP Chapter and a Dean's List student. He is also the founder of the Montgomery Hope Foundation, an organization dedicated to service the community.

Generation Change focuses on people aged 20 to 40, offering them several levels of training and sup-

port. The internship program introduces young people to grassroots community organizing and helps develop leadership skills, the fellowship program helps new organizers develop skills and find full-time positions, and the mentorship program enables mid-level community organizers to enhance skills and broaden their perspectives.



Montgomery

"Generation Change is an ambitious initiative of the Center for Community Change to develop this country's next generation of community leaders before this work retires with the baby boomers who make up the majority of this field," says Susan Chinn, program director. "Nothing is more important to America's future than to nurture the next generation of social justice leaders. Our driving mission is to identify the best, train them to excel and support them in their journey to make a difference in this world."

As young leaders graduate from the intern program, they become part of a vibrant Alumni Association that is a growing national network of individuals and organizations committed to addressing poverty, inequality, and lack of opportunity, especially at the community level. By 2011, more than 650 interns, fellows, and mentees will be supported annually. The Center for Community Change is a nonprofit, nonpartisan low income advocacy group that promotes the development of community organizing, as a national force for social and economic justice.